

Ordinance on Baby Diaper-Changing Accommodations

The Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners has passed an ordinance requiring new establishments or uses to provide at least one baby diaper-changing accommodation that is accessible to women and one that is accessible to men, or a single accommodation accessible to both. To be in compliance with this new ordinance, please be advised of the following:

All new construction that has not obtained a Certificate of Use and Occupancy by February 15, 1999 is required to provide baby diaper-changing accommodations. Additionally, interior alterations, additions or other improvements that require more than 50 percent of the gross floor to be rebuilt must comply.

The following establishment must comply:

- theaters and movie-houses
- sports arenas, complexes and coliseums
- stadiums
- convention centers, auditoriums, cultural complexes and exhibition halls
- libraries
- passenger terminals
- permanent amusement park structures
- shopping centers of more than 25,000 square feet
- restaurants with seating capacity of at least 50 seats serving food for consumption on premises, except where there is a centrally located restroom facility with diaper-changing accommodations within 300 feet of the entrance of the restaurant
- tourist attractions
- retail stores in excess of 5,000 square feet in size

Effective immediately, Building Inspectors will verify that the baby diaper-changing accommodations and any required signage exist before granting final building inspections.

All plans submitted to the Building Department must show the baby diaper-changing accommodations.

Hardship exemptions are available if:

1. No reasonable physical alternative exists for providing baby diaper-changing accommodations
2. The cost of providing such accommodations exceeds 10 percent of the cost of constructing, purchase or substantially modifying the building or facility occupied by the establishment or use.

Questions relating to the hardship exemptions or the ordinance can be directed to the Miami-Dade Consumer Services Department at (305) 375-1250.